



East Atlantic Flyway of Coastal Birds



Grey Plover



Arctic Tern



Bar-tailed Godwit



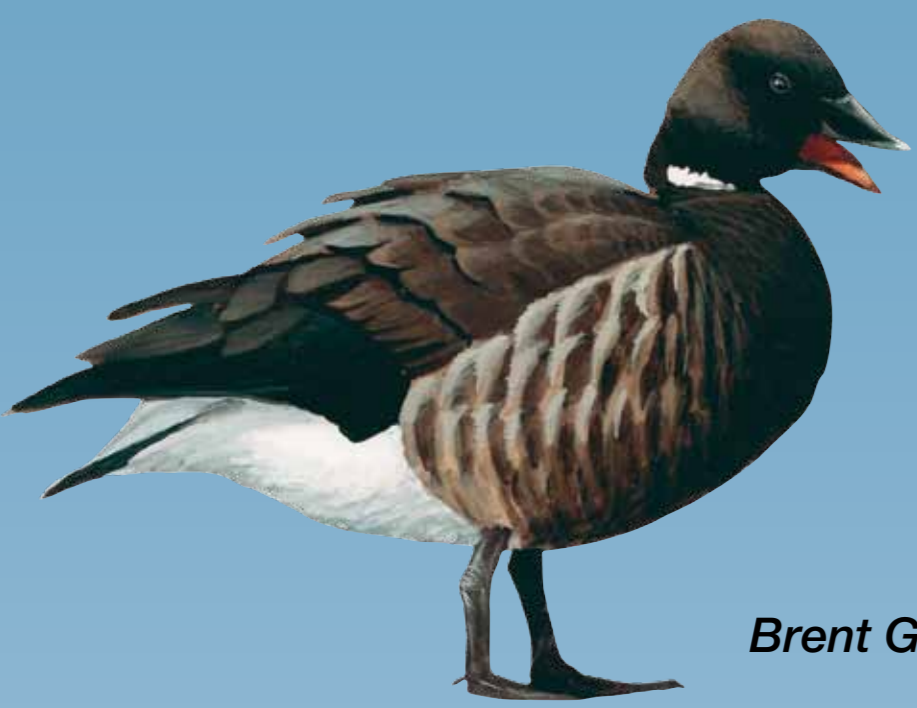
Dunlin



Avocet



Oystercatcher



Brent Goose



Red Knot



ARCTIC
Breeding 1

WADDEN SEA
Staging,
Moulting and
Wintering 2

AFRICA
Wintering 3

Protected birds need protected wetlands!

The Wadden Sea at the Southern North Sea Coast is an extremely important area for birds. About 10 million coastal waterbirds such as waders, geese, ducks, gulls and terns come to stay here, feasting on the rich resources of invertebrates and plants on tidal flats and saltmarshes.

Many of these birds also breed in the Wadden Sea, but most migrate to breeding areas in large parts of the Arctic, ranging from northern Siberia to northeastern Canada. Many spend the winter along the African Coast, such as the Banc d'Arguin in Mauritania.

Being the most important staging site for coastal birds on the East Atlantic Flyway the Wadden Sea is protected in Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. In 2009 it was designated as World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

